



CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

24-HOUR REPORT

3 NOVEMBER 2022

(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Fentanyl Pill Seizures in Region Increase Compared to Last Year

(U) Seizures of fentanyl-laced pills have more than quadrupled so far this year across four Southern California counties compared to last year, an increase that authorities said underscores their efforts to keep pace with the continuing influx of the drug into the region. At a meeting of the Los Angeles Police Commission, LA Police Department officials said that through September, more than 904,000 pills containing the potent synthetic opioid that is more than 50 times stronger than heroin have been confiscated by regional task forces. The figure marked a sharp jump over the roughly 189,000 pills recovered by the task forces over the same period last year.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Madera County – Record Amount of Drugs Seized, 30 Arrested During Operation

(U) Deputies made the largest drug seizure in Madera County history and almost 30 arrests following the conclusion of an operation, the Sheriff's Office said. Called Operation Trifecta, the effort confiscated about 1,300 pounds of methamphetamine, four kilograms of heroin and two kilograms of fentanyl, Madera County Sheriff Tyson Pogue said during a news conference. The people arrested over a three-week period that culminated on 26 October were all residents of California or Mexico, he said. The drugs were seized during in two separate traffic stops and at a meth conversion lab in Ducor, a Tulare County community south of Porterville, Pogue said.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [Fresno Bee](#)

(U) Sacramento – Auto Shop Indicted for Selling Stolen Catalytic Converters Worth Millions

(U) A Sacramento auto shop with a suspended license that was operating out of a home is facing federal charges after allegedly receiving more than \$38 million in payment for transporting stolen catalytic converters across state lines, according to a federal indictment. According to court documents, the owners and employees of Vang Auto, a purported automotive dismantler business in Sacramento, transported stolen catalytic converters to DG Auto Parts, a catalytic converter extraction company in New Jersey. This alleged illegal operation was part of a nationwide crackdown on stolen catalytic converter thefts across the United States.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [KCRA3](#)

(U) Thermal – Two Students Detained, Weapon Recovered After Threat Issued to Middle School

(U) Three schools in Thermal were evacuated after a "credible" threat was issued to Toro Canyon Middle School, the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept confirmed. According to Sgt. Brandi Swann, spokesperson for the Sheriff's Dept., authorities received a school violence threat. They believed it to be a credible threat and out of an abundance of caution they evacuated all three schools in the area. Two students have been detained and a weapon was recovered, Swann confirmed.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [KESQ](#)

UNCLASSIFIED

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – One Killed, 11 Hospitalized in Crash Officials Suspect is Human Smuggling Case

(U) La Joya – A dozen people were ejected and one of them was killed in a crash that officials suspect is a case of human smuggling, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. The department's spokesperson, Lt. Chris Olivarez, said that the fatal crash occurred in the city of La Joya, about 5 miles from the Mexico border, after the driver "evaded from law enforcement after disregarding a red light." Authorities suspect the case involved human smuggling based on the number of people involved, the area, and the fact that the driver was evading law enforcement after running a red light, Olivarez said.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [NBC News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Man in Custody After Attempted Car Attack Outside Pentagon

(U) Washington – Tamirat Yehualawork, 36, allegedly told officers "I hate America" and is accused of attempting to attack federal police officers outside the Pentagon, according to federal court documents. Yehualawork allegedly drove through a security checkpoint outside the Pentagon, speeding over a second security barrier and forcing police to pull guns and use their police vehicles to pin and stop Yehualawork's vehicle near the complex. According to a police affidavit, "a (Pentagon) officer shined his flashlight to get Yehualawork's attention. The officer stated that once he got Yehualawork's attention, he accelerated the vehicle towards him. The officer took cover, pointed his weapon at the vehicle, and began giving verbal commands that Yehualawork ignored." Yehualawork is currently in the custody of the US Marshals.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) Illinois – Man Charged with Sending Gubernatorial Candidate Voicemail Death Threat

(U) Chicago – Prosecutors say anger over a political television ad at a bar led a Chicago man to send Republican gubernatorial candidate Darren Bailey a voicemail threatening to mutilate and kill him and his family, a threat that also prompted a lockdown of schools associated with the state senator and his family. Bail was set at \$75,000 for Scott Lennox, 21, who is charged with one felony count each of threatening a public official, telephone harassment and harassment by electronic communications, according to the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [Chicago Sun Times](#)

(U) Michigan – Two Alleged 'Boogaloo' Members Arrested in Michigan and Ohio

(U) Detroit – The FBI has arrested two alleged members of the far-right anti-government group the Boogaloo Boys, with authorities increasingly concerned about the potential for violence in the leadup to next week's midterm elections. Timothy Teagan appeared in federal court in Detroit on charges of being a drug user in possession of firearms and ammunition and giving a false statement in connection with the acquisition of a firearm, according to an unsealed federal complaint. Meanwhile, the FBI said in a criminal complaint filed that there was enough evidence to charge Aron McKillips, of Sandusky, Ohio, with illegal possession of a machine gun and the interstate communication of threats. It says McKillips is a member of the Boogaloo Boys and is believed to be in a paramilitary group called the Sons of Liberty.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [AP News](#)

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Israel – Palestinian Shot After Driving Car into Israeli Army Officer

(U) Jerusalem – Habas Abdel Hafeez Yousef Rayan, 54, a Palestinian slammed his car into an Israeli army officer near a checkpoint in the occupied West Bank, seriously injuring him, the Israeli military said. The officer opened fire on the man, the military said, and according to the Palestinians, he died soon after. The army said in a statement that the attacker arrived in a vehicle at the Maccabim checkpoint on a busy commuting route and struck an officer. The attacker left the vehicle and tried to attack the officer with an axe, the statement said. The officer was injured, according to the army, and transferred to a hospital.

SOURCE: 2 November 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) PREPARED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER.

(U) FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE EMAIL STAC@CALOES.CA.GOV, OR CALL 916-636-2900.

UNCLASSIFIED